(b) whether it is also a fact that DTC drivers do not stop the buses at the bus stops and drive the buses without waiting for the passengers to board properly resulting in accidents ; and

(c) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The DTC have taken following steps with a view to ensure the safety of the passengers :—

Instructions have been given to the drivers to stop the buses to a dead halt of the extreme left hand side of the road on the space near the kerv for safe boarding and alighting of the passengers and not to move the buses till the passengers board/alight from the buses.

Depot Managers also instruct the drivers through public address system and notice boards etc. to comply with the above instructions in true spirit.

In case of violation of such instructions or on receipt of any complaint in this regard strict disciplinary action is being taken against the erring staff.

The Traffic Supervisory staff have been deployed on important bus stands during the peak hours to ensure proper parking of buses at the stands for safe boarding/alighting of passengers.

Refresher courses are conducted for the drivers in the Training School from time to time.

Checking squads have been deployed to check the driving habits of the drivers.

Films and TV media slides are being arranged with the help of Traffic Police.

An incentive scheme with reward of Rs. 1,000/- has been introduced for the driers who are not involved in any accident throughout the year.

Shipping Corporation of India

3722. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Shipping Corporation of India has purchased 8 oil tankers from South Korea ; if so, full accounts of the purchase deal alongwith other global bidders, if any ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the corporation was suspended as a result of C.B.I. enquiry if so, what are the reasons for reinstating him ;

(c) whether Government propose to institute a case gainst the said officer ; and

(d) what are the details of the purchases made from overseas by the Shipping Corpoation of India and Moghal Lines, during the Chairmanship of Admiral R.K.S. Gandhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir. Shipping Corporation of India purchased 8 crude oil tankers from South Korea. These 8 oil tankers were ordered from Hyundai Heavy Industries Company Limited, South Korea at a cost of US £24.4 million per vessel. Based on the price and payment terms, received by Shipping Corporation of India from the shortlisted yards shown below, the offer from M/s. Hyundai was adjudged to be the best and they were selected for award of the contract :

Yard	No. of ships	Price offered
Hitachi	2 + 2	YEN 6900 Million (Dollars 23.87 Million)
MHI	2 + 2	YEN 6900 Million (Dollars 23.881 Million)
SASEBO	4	YEN 6500 Million (Dollars 25.039 Million)
Korea	2	Dollars 26.30 Million
Shipbuilding	4	Dollars 25.90 Million
Yard	6	Dollars 25.40 Million
	8	Dollars 24.90 Million
SAMSUNG	2	Dollars 24.50 Million
	3 or More	Dollars 24.40 Million
Hyundai	4	Dollars 25.00 Million
	6 or More	Dollars 24.60 Million

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The following contracts for acquisition of vessels were signed durin the Chairmanship of Vice Admiral R. K. S. Ghandhi (from March, 1981 to March, 1985) :

Date of Contract	No. of Type of vessels	Name of shipyards	Price per vessel
30-4-1983	8 Crude Tankers (67,000 DWT)	Hyundai Heavy Industries Company Limited.	Dollars 24.40 Million
28-7-1983	3 Crude Tankers (67,000 DWT)	-do-	Dollars 24.40 Million
10-6-1983	4 Product Carriers (45,000 DWT)	-do-	Dollars 23.00 Million
29-6-1983	10 OSVs	Robin Shipyard Singapore.	Dollars 4.598 Million.
31-12-1983	12 Bulk Carriers (47,000 DWT)	Daewoo Corporation South Korea.	Dollars 15.25 Million.

Allocation of funds under Central Road Fund to Uttar Pradesh

3723. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the proposal submitted by the Uttar Pradesh Government for allocation of funds from Central Road Fund during the last two years and for the current year ;

(b) the number of proposals rejected by Government together with the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the number of proposals still pending with Government ?